

attitude because they could get the jobs. They would be treated fairly in school. They wouldn't go to the largest school system in the state where a national association investigated that school's practices and found out that there is racial discrimination practiced when they expel students, when they penalize them in every manner that by which the school penalizes, and they want to say, well, that's just a coincidence. No, my children have to be made aware of these things. I don't see, other than the effort in LB 250, strong concentrated efforts to make the education system responsive to the needs of the children who were there. While we were discussing giving teachers a salary increase, I didn't bring up any of these points because it is difficult for me to discuss them in a way that is low-key and laid back because so many children are hurt by them. When you are a member, as I am, of a group that is psychologically, politically, economically, every manner you can think of, educationally, at risk, then these matters that are not of great moment to others who are not so situated are very serious to us and we have an obligation to our children. Maybe we can't dress them like everybody else. We can't give them the quality or even quantity of food that others have. So our whole approach to this society is going to be different, and when we put into the statute that people outside the home can make a determination based on this psychological profile, they make that determination. It is based on their standards, their background, their mores, their position and then they impose that kind of judgment on those of us who are on the bottom rung of the ladder of society. And when we react in a hostile way as any people backed into a corner will react, that is taken as additional evidence of our unsuitability to rear our children, because when those who are trying to help us come to us and are going to explain to us and educate us in the ways of rearing children, we don't accept it like little birds with our mouths wide open to receive anything...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that the feeder is going to put into it. And our frustration grows and it grows and our children pick it up. So this kind of language in a homogeneous society might work and not pose problems, but I see some very serious ramifications because of what already is existing in this society without this kind of language. So when new words are added to the statute, they have to be taken to have some meaning and they are giving broader authority to these people to take